

**FOUND: HOLOTYPE OF THE LACE BUG
ELASMOGNATHUS HELFERI
(HETEROPTERA: TINGIDAE)¹**

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ABSTRACT: The missing holotype of *Elasmognathus helferi* was found, labeled as such, and returned to the Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

Drake and Ruhoff's (1965, United States Natl. Mus. Bull., 243:202) catalog of the "Lacebugs of the World" reported the status of the type material of *Elasmognathus helferi* Fieber (1844 Entomon. Monographien, page 91, pl. 7, figs. 33-41) as "sex and deposition of type unknown."

Examination of Tingidae in the Drake Collection (now part of the collections in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.) found a point-mounted female of that species with a time-faded paper label reading "Elasmognathus Fieber Helferi Fieber, Indes Or. +" in what appears to be Fieber's handwriting.

Because the original description dealt with only one specimen, and the present specimen and its labelling agree with that description and original figures, this specimen is here considered the holotype. A red label "HOLOTYPE *Elasmognathus helferi* Fieber, labeled by Froeschner 2000" was put on its pin and the specimen was returned to the Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria, for incorporation with the other Fieber material there.

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